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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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**Subject: MAC Advice on the Revision of the EU Legislation on Animal Welfare**

Dear Mr. Pastoor,

I would like to thank you for your mail of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 including the “*Advice on the Revision of the EU Legislation on Animal Welfare.*”

As you know, the “*Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture for the period 2021 to 2030*”<sup>1</sup> identify fish welfare as a key area for further work and recommend different actions for the Commission, for Member States and for the Aquaculture Advisory Council.

Concerning the recommendations for the Commission in the abovementioned MAC Advice, I would like to inform you that I have shared them with my colleagues from the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety. Please be ensured that both our services are working closely together on this topic, and that all relevant stakeholders will be included in the process. We are very grateful of this comprehensive contribution and will consider it in due time.

Please note that the Commission has recently published a [study](#) on the existing animal welfare labelling schemes in the EU and that farmed fish are included in the [roadmap](#) for upcoming EFSA opinions on animal welfare.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils ([Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2021)236 final